

NVAC Vaccine Finance Working Group Update

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NVAC White Paper

- Goal: The goal is to ensure universal access to all vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for children and adolescents without financial barriers.

Working Group Membership

- **NVAC**
 - **Gus Birkhead,**
WG Chair
 - **Jon Almquist**
 - **Mark Feinberg**
 - **Gary Freed**
 - **Lance Gordon**
 - **Calvin Johnson**
- **Consultants to NVAC**
 - **Jon Abramson**
 - **Alan Hinman**
 - **Jerome Klein**
- **NVPO**
 - **Bruce Gellin**
 - **Angela Shen**
 - **Emma English**
 - **Jenny Salesa**
(U Michigan)

Working Group Membership, cont.

- **AHIP – Alan Rosenberg**
- **Nat'l Business Group on Health - Liz Greenbaum**
- **Health Economist - Mark Pauley**
- **Academia - Walt Orenstein**
- **ACIP – Dale Morse (Chair)**
- **NCSL – Joy Wilson**
- **NASMD – Barbara Edwards**
- **U.S. Chamber of Commerce – Anthony Wisniewski**
- **Consumer representative – Deborah Wexler**
- **Agency liaisons**
 - **CDC – Lance Rodewald**
 - **CMS – Jeff Kelman**

NVAC Vaccine Finance Working Group Studies Through CDC

- 1. Gary Freed – National survey of pediatricians and family physicians looking at private provider attitudes about vaccine financing**
- 2. Gary Freed – Private practice costs and reimbursement in five states**
- 3. Maggie Coleman – Vaccine and vaccination-associated costs and reimbursements in pediatric practices in Georgia**

NVAC Vaccine Finance Working Group Studies Through CDC, cont.

- 4. Judith Glazner – Provider costs and reimbursement for vaccine administration in Denver**
- 5. Peter Szilagyi – Cost of universal influenza vaccination of children in New York State**

Take Home Messages

- Wide range of prices
- Wide range of reimbursement
 - Even among most common payer
- Variation is multi-factorial
 - By vaccine
 - By payer
- Large-scale dropout of private providers unlikely at this time

Outline of NVAC Financing Working Group White Paper

- I. Purposes of the paper
- II. Challenges facing childhood and adolescent immunization programs (literature review)
- III. Promise of vaccines
- IV. Current system for financing vaccination of children and adolescents
- V. Review of past reports on vaccine financing
- VI. NVAC Financing Working Group Methods
- VII. Results, Findings, and Stakeholder perspectives
- VIII. Conclusions
- IX. Recommendations

Structure of Conclusions and Recommendations of White Paper

- General conclusions
- Public sector vaccine financing
 - Conclusions
 - Recommendations
 - Not requiring authorizing legislation
 - Requiring legislation
- Public sector vaccine administration financing
- Private sector vaccine financing
- Private sector vaccine administration financing

Timeline for White Paper

- April 1 – Public release of white paper including conclusions and recommendations
- April 29-30 – Stakeholders' meeting
- May 9 – Deadline for public comments
- June 3 – Presentation of white paper to NVAC
- Sept 14 – Final NVAC vote on recommendations to ASH

Stakeholders' Meeting: Logistics

- April 29-30, 2008
- Tentative location: Rockville, MD
- Notice in Federal Register, end February 2008 – will include website for registration
 - NVPO will have blocked rooms; register through website only, not individually
- Major focus: feedback on conclusions and recommendations of white paper
 - Suggested modifications, additions, and deletions

Stakeholders' Meeting: Tentative Agenda

- Presentation of the white paper
- Presentation of five new studies
- Stakeholder feedback
 - Federal, state, and local health departments
 - Employers, payers, and health insurers
 - Vaccine manufacturers
 - Health care providers
 - Vaccine distributors and purchasers
 - Consumers

Next Steps

- Difficulties in achieving consensus
 - Plan: try to reach consensus
 - If unable, NVAC members will vote on conclusions and recommendations to present to full NVAC
 - Provide list of pros and cons for each recommendation
 - Preliminary discussion and recommendations from NVAC at June meeting
 - Final vote at September meeting